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- 1. CONSOFF FOLLOWED UP LETTER ON CONGRESSMAN GILMAN VISIT (REFTEL A) WITH TELEPHONE CALL FEBRUARY 9 TO MFA USA DIVISION BILATERAL SECTION CHIEF V.I. TRIFONOV. TRIFONOV SAID THAT LETTER WAS BEING SENT TO V.L. LOMOVTSEV, MFA USA DIVISION INTERNAL SECTION CHIEF AND DOUBTED THAT RESPONSE WOULD BE POSSIBLE EARLIER THAN FEBRUARY 10.
- 2. CONSOFFS ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF VISAS FOR GILMAN AND BREITENBERG DURING CALL ON MFA CONSULAR DIVISION COUNSELOR N.G. BULAVIN, WHO AGREED LOOK INTO IT. CONSULAR DIVISION ATTACHE ARTSYHASHEV TELEPHONED CONSOFF SHORTLY THEREAFTER TO INQUIRE ABOUT WHEN GILMAN AND BREITENBERG APPLIED FOR VISAS, PURPOSE OF VISIT AND SPONSORSHIP. HE WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN WHETHER THEY ARE TRAVELING AS TOURISTS OR AS USG OFFICIALS. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON FINAL QUERY, SINCE IT IS LIKELY TO BE MAJOR FACTOR IN DETERMINING SOVIET RESPONSIVENESS.
- 3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BACKGROUND OF CONGRESSMAN GILMAN'S AND MR. BREITENBERG'S INTEREST IN DISCUSSING "VOA AND FOREIGN BROADCASTING" WITH SOVIET OFFICALS; WE WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

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BE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN ANY BRIEFINGS THEY HAVE RECEIVED, AND SUBSTANCE BREITENBERG DISCUSSION WITH SOVIET EMBASSY.

4. NEED FIRM ETA AND ETD BOTH MEN BEFORE WE CAN SET APPOINTMENT AT STATE/RADIO, TV. SHOULD APPOINTMENT BE FOR BOTH MEN. TOGETHER OR SEPARATELY?

5. WE HAVE REQUESTED FEBRUARY 10 APPOINTMENT AT MFA TO DISCUSS VISIT FURTHER. TOON

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